

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on February 10, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)  
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)  
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** David Niss, Legislative Branch  
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HOUSE BILL 454  
HOUSE BILL 462  
Executive Action: HB 313 DO PASS AS AMENDED 16-0  
HB 454 DO PASS AS AMENDED 16-0

**HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 454**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. LOREN SOFT, HD 12, introduced the bill.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Ms. Judy Martz**, Lieutenant Governor, **EXHIBIT**(huh33a01).

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.2 - 8.6}***

**Ms. Joyce Kramer**, Life Center Northwest, **EXHIBIT**(huh33a02).

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6 - 11.1}***

**Mr. Theodore C. Marchion**, Heart transplant recipient and member of the Governor's Council on Organ Tissue Donation.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 14.1}***

**Ms. Sami Butler**, Montana Nurses Association.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.1 - 15.1}***

**Ms. Beda Lovitt**, Montana Medical Association.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.1 - 15.8}***

**Mr. Paul Buck**, Director of Montana Eye Bank.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.8 - 17.8}***

**Mr. Dean Roberts**, Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Division.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 19.1}***

**Mr. Cort Harrington**, Montana County Treasurers Association, proposed an amendment to eliminate a ten cent administrative fee for each application, see the house standing committee report.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1 - 20.4}***

**Ms. Debbie Doll**, Family Services Coordinator for Life Center Northwest.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 21.8}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 26.8}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** REP. SOFT closed.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8 - 30.1}***

**HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 462**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. ROSALIE BUZZAS introduced the bill and distributed an amendment, **EXHIBIT**(huh33a03), a summary of the bill, **EXHIBIT**(huh33a04), and a letter of support from Ms. Bonnie Pipe, Chairman NACDDA, **EXHIBIT**(huh33a05).  
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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Mr. Steve Meloy, Director of Administration of the Professional Licencing division for the Department of Commerce.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 9.5}

Ms. Joan Cassidy, Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.5 - 12.5}

Ms. Peg Shea, Vice President of Addiction Service Providers.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 13.9}

Ms. Kristi Johnson, President of the Montana Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors, MAADAC.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 15.1}

Mr. Ed Barrett, Professional Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh33a06), a letter of support from Mr. Mike Lande, Director of the Indian Health Board of Billings.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.1 - 16}

Ms. Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 17.2}

Mr. Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.2 - 17.7}

Mr. Rod Robinson, Executive Director of the Gateway Dependency Center.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.7 - 19.5}

Mr. Lorrin Walker, National Association for Drug Abuse, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh33a07).  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5 - 21.9}

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 2:A:28.3}*

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BUZZAS closed.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.3 - 29}*

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 313

**EXHIBIT** (huh33a08), a clarification of the history of the fees currently being charged by the Child Support Enforcement Division from **Ms. Mary Ann Wellbank**, Administrator of the Child Support Enforcement Division, was distributed.

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that **HOUSE BILL 313 DO PASS.**

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.3 - 30.2}*

#### Discussion:

REP. DAVIES gave a recap of the bill's purpose.

**EXHIBIT** (huh33a09), amendments to **HB 313**, were distributed.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.2 - 31.7}*

Motion: REP. GUGGENHEIM moved that **HOUSE BILL 313 BE AMENDED**, see **EXHIBIT 9**.

#### Discussion:

REP. GUGGENHEIM reviewed the amendment.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 31.8 - 2:B:4.7}*

Vote: The question was called on **REP. GUGGENHEIM'S** motion to amend **HB 313**. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8 - 5}*

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that **HB 313 BE AMENDED**, (SEE **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT, NUMBERS 4-7, FOR AMENDMENT**).

Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5 - 8.9}*

Motion: REP. SQUIRES moved that **HB 313 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

#### Discussion:

**Mr. Hank Hudson** explained a similar program in New York. Questions were asked. Discussion continued.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9 - 28.6}*

**Vote:** The question was called on REP. SQUIRES motion that HOUSE BILL 313 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 16-0, no proxy was received from REP. BROWN or REP. AHNER.  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.6 - 29.8}

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 454**

**Motion:** REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 454 DO PASS.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. SOFT moved that HOUSE BILL 454 BE AMENDED, SEE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR AMENDMENT. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. SOFT moved that HB 454 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously 16-0, no proxy was received from REP. BROWN or REP. AHNER.  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.8 - 32}

**Discussion:** Concerning HB 462.  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

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CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (huh33aad)